

### REMARKS

According to the Legal Instruments Examiner, the amendment document filed on April 21, 2004 is non-compliant because the text of withdrawn claim 9 must be presented in the list of amended claims (see **Appendix A**). In the "Amendments to the Claims" resubmitted herein, applicant has included the text of withdrawn claim 9, thereby obviating this objection.

In addition, according to the Legal Instruments Examiner, the amendment document filed on July 19, 2004 is non-compliant because the text of cancelled claim 1 should not have been presented in the list of amended claims (see **Appendix B**). Notably, no amendment document was filed in the USPTO on July 19, 2004 for the subject patent application, nor has applicant ever indicated that claim 1 is cancelled. Applicant requests the Legal Instruments Examiner withdraw this mistaken objection. To reiterate, there was no amendment document filed on July 19, 2004 nor has applicant cancelled claim 1 in the course of the prosecution proceedings.

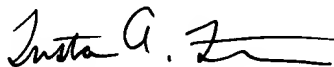
### CONCLUSION

It is requested that examination and prosecution of this application proceed on the merits.

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